

DR. MM. TERRELL HOUSE

SPARTA, GEORGIA

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DR. WILLIAM TERRELL HOUSE
Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia

Owner: Carlton F. Stone and Miss Inez Stone. (Also occupants).

Date of Erection: Approximately 1820.

Architect - Builder: Unknown.

Present Condition: Poor. Front porch originally a covered stoop, with a narrow terrace porch on each side reached by a high flight of steps; has been changed to extend across entire front.

Number of Stories: Two over high basement and attic. Faces east.

Materials of Construction: Foundation stone. Wood floors. Exterior walls frame with narrow siding. Interior walls frame and plaster.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: Wood entablature with balustrade above. Roof of low pitch. Lower windows have 32 panes and a dentil cornice over each enframent. Square plaster ceiling ornament and cornice in north room, (parlour). Italian marble mantels in both front rooms. Baseboards wood marbleized. Front doorway enframent has apparently gone through some alterations. Woodwork was executed by slave labor. One or two of the original Ionic columns from front porch, which originally occupied only the central portion of the front of the house, have been sawed up and used as door props and show that these columns were carved from solid pine, the fluting not always true or straight. Double doors of six panels each are used at the front and rear of central hallway. These doorways have elliptical fanlights, with square panes as side lights. All doors have six panels and small brass door knobs and drop keyhole escutcheons. Over the front door is a Palladian window. The first floor windows open on veranda, the blinds having three strap hinges each.

The hallway is 30 x 12 feet. No stairway is visible, it being between the walls of the hall and rooms on the southwest. It is entered by opening only near the end of the hall. Another entrance to the stair is by a door from the rear porch. Another stairway opening from a room over the hall is enclosed between walls and leads to the attic. Balancing the stair enclosure on the 2nd floor is a narrow hall, opening into a bedroom over the parlour. There are four rooms upstairs. A frieze of modillions modeled in small scroll brackets decorates the cornice under the projecting roof.

Leading from the house to a brook heavily shaded with large trees was once a formal garden of four terraces. In the side yard is the doctor's office, later used as a billiard room. Victorian in design, with wood brackets supporting the projecting roof.

Dr. Terrell was one of the early settlers in Sparta and came from Virginia to practice medicine here. Dr. Terrell was a member of Congress from the Hancock district, 1817-1821. It is supposed that his house was built during or soon after that time. He died in Sparta in 1855. His daughter, Mrs. Lucy Dawson, removed to Baltimore.

At the rear of the house is a building of dressed granite wonderfully assembled, one room used for kitchen and the other as milkhouse. Near this is the well, and huge stone trough. Near the kitchen are the smoke house of logs, covered with beveled clepbboards; and the carriage house with servants' rooms above, the entrance being from the yard.

Much of the above data furnished by Mary Callaway Jones, (Mrs. Frank F.) The following information by Miss Inez Stone: " At first the back porch was not long. Work done on porch disclosed this, because instead of being pieced, it was merely covered over. The long porch also had a railing or balustrede. To the south side of the house was a green house - glase roof-

with decoration or balustrade at top in Sheaf form - at least 36"

high. It extended the full length on the house."

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